

The Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for use ~~in a system enabling~~ by an information repository service to enable a user to share desired information with one or more parties, ~~the user searching an information source remote from the system for the desired information, the system including a repository,~~ the method comprising:

receiving, by an information repository service, from an information service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service, (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information source performed by the information service provider on behalf of a user, and (2) first data identifying the user;

storing in the a repository, by the information repository service, the desired information from the information source received from the information service provider and the first data identifying the user, the information source being directed to send the desired information to the system via a communications network, the desired information being associated with data identifying the user;

receiving from the user second data identifying one or more parties authorized to access the information;

conveying the identifying access data enabling access to the information to the one or more parties; and

allowing access by the one or more parties to the desired information in the repository based on the identifying access data.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is ~~accessed~~ accessible through an information assistance service.

3. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.
4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.
5. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.
6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.
7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising allowing the user to access the ~~desired~~ information in the repository.
8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, ~~wherein the user is recognized by the system using~~ further comprising recognizing the user based, at least in part, on an automatic number identification (ANI).
9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 7, ~~wherein the user is recognized by the system using~~ further comprising recognizing the user based, at least in part, on the user's voiceprint.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~wherein the system uses the identifying data to recognize~~ further comprising recognizing the one or more parties based, at least in part, on the access data when accessing the one or more parties access the information in the repository.

11. (currently amended) A method for ~~disseminating information by a system, using a repository use by an information repository service to enable a user to share desired information with one or more parties,~~ comprising:

maintaining, by an information repository service, at the in a repository first data identifying a user;

receiving, by the information repository service, information from an information source service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service the information being associated with the identifying data (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information source performed by the information service provider on behalf of the user, and (2) the first data;

storing the information in the repository, by the information repository service, the information received from the information service provider and the first data identifying the user;

receiving from the user second data identifying selected recipients intended to receive the information and instructions concerning a manner of conveying the information to the recipients;
and

releasing the information to the selected recipients based on in accordance with the instructions from received from the user that include the identifying data.

12. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessed through an information assistance service.

13. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.

14. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.

15. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.

16. (original) The method according to claim 11, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising ~~using the identifying data to recognize~~ recognizing the user based, at least in part, on the first data when the user accesses the information at the repository.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 17, ~~wherein the user is recognized using~~ further comprising recognizing the user based, at least in part, on an automatic number identification (ANI).

19. (currently amended) The method according to claim 17, ~~wherein the user is recognized using~~ further comprising recognizing the user based, at least in part, on the user's voiceprint.

20. (currently amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising ~~using the identifying data to recognize~~ recognizing the recipients based, at least in part, on the first data, when the recipients accessing the information at in the repository.

21. (currently amended) A system for ~~disseminating information using a repository~~ use by an information repository service to enable a user to share desired information with one or more parties, the system comprising:

a gateway, ~~maintained by an information repository service, for~~ configured to:

~~maintaining identifying store first~~ data identifying a user;

an interface, ~~maintained by the information repository service, for~~ configured to:

~~receiving receive information from an information source service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service the information being associated with the identifying data~~ (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information source performed by the information service provider on behalf of the user, and (2) the first data;
and

a repository ~~for~~ configured to:

~~storing store~~ the information;

wherein the interface is further configured to:

receive from the user second data identifying selected recipients intended to receive the information and instructions concerning a manner of providing the information to the recipients; and

wherein the interface is further configured to:

provide the information ~~is released~~ to the selected recipients, ~~based on~~ in accordance with the instructions received from the user ~~that include the identifying data~~.

22. (original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessed through an information assistance service.

23. (original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessible via a telephone.

24. (original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the repository is accessible via the Internet.

25. (original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the information source is accessible via the Internet.

26. (original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the information source is accessible via a telephone.

27. (currently amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein the interface is further configured to:

recognize the user based, at least in part, on the identifying first data is used to
~~recognize the user~~ when the user accessing accesses the information ~~at~~ in the repository.

28. (currently amended) The system according to claim 27, wherein interface is further configured to:

recognize the user is recognized using based, at least in part, on an automatic number identification (ANI).

29. (currently amended) The system according to claim 27, wherein the interface is further configured to:

recognize the user is recognized using based, at least in part, on the user's voiceprint.

30. (currently amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein the interface is further configured to:

recognize the identifying data is used to recognize the selected recipients based, at least in part, on the first data when the selected recipients accessing access the information at in the repository.

31. (currently amended) An information storage and retrieval system comprising:

a memory, maintained by an information repository service, configured to:

store data;

an interface, maintained by the information repository service, configured to:

receive from an information service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information

source performed by the information service provider on behalf of a user, and (2) first data identifying the user; and

receive from the user second data identifying a third party authorized to access the information; and

a processor, maintained by the information repository service, configured to:

store the information received from the information service provider and the first data identifying the user ~~found by a user from an information source, in association with data identifying the user~~, in the memory;

receive a request to access the stored information from a the third party; and

allow the third party to access the stored information if the third party provides data identifying the user.

32. (currently amended) A system according to claim 31, wherein the processor is configured to:

receive the information from a source separate from the system.

33.-40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) A system for use by an information repository service to enable a user to share desired information with one or more parties ~~storing and disseminating information~~, the system comprising:

a memory, maintained by an information repository service, configured to:

store data;

an interface, maintained by the information repository service, configured to:

receive from an information service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service, (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information source performed by the information service provider on behalf of a user, and (2) first data identifying the user; and

receive from the user second data identifying one or more parties authorized to access the information; and

a processor, maintained by the information repository service, configured to:

~~receive information found by a user independently of the system, with data identifying the user;~~

~~store the received information in association with data identifying the user received from the information service provider and the first data identifying the user, in the memory; and~~

~~disseminate the stored information to a recipient.~~

convey access data enabling access to the information to the one or more parties;

and

allow access by the one or more parties to the information in the memory based on the access data.

42.-44. (cancelled)

45. (currently amended) The system according to claim 41, wherein the ~~stored~~ access data is comprises a website link.

46. (cancelled)

47. (cancelled)

48. (currently amended) A system for storing and disseminating information, the system comprising:

a memory information repository service, configured to:

store data;

an interface maintained by the information repository service, configured to:

receive from an information service provider unaffiliated with the information repository service, (1) information obtained as a result of a search of a website-based information source performed by the information service provider on behalf of a user, and (2) first data identifying the user; and

receive from the user second data identifying one or more parties authorized to receive the information; and

a processor configured to:

~~receive information found by a user from an information source;~~

store the ~~received~~ information received from the information service provider and the first data identifying the user, in the memory;

send notification to ~~a recipient~~ the one or more parties that stored information is available, with the first data identifying the user; and

allow a respective one of the one or more parties to access ~~to~~ the stored information ~~at the request of the recipient, if the recipient provides the~~ after the first data identifying the user is provided by the respective party.

49. (cancelled)

50. (new) A method to enable a user of a service provider to share information with one or more parties, the method comprising:

receiving from a user, by a first information service provider, a request to search a website-based information source;

performing, by the first information service provider, a search of the information source, generating search results; and

providing to the user, by the first information service provider, an option to store selected search results in an information repository maintained by a second information service provider different from the first information service provider.

51. (new) The method of claim 50, further comprising:

receiving, by the first information service provider, a selection of the option by the user, first data identifying the user, and second data associated with the second information service provider;

providing to the second information service provider, by the first information service provider, selected search results and the first data, in response to the selection of the option;

receiving from the user, by the second information service provider, third data identifying one or more parties intended as recipients of the selected search results; and

allowing, by the second information service provider, the one or more parties to access the selected search results.

52. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the first information service provider comprises a server associated with a website.

53. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the information source comprises one or more of the following: telephone directory information, map information, event information, transportation information, library catalog information, real estate listing information, product catalog information, business-to-business swap information, or shopping information.

54. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the second information service provider comprises an information assistance service.

55. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the user communicates with the second information service provider by telephone.

56. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the user communicates with the second information service provider via an internet.

57. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the second data associated with the second information service provider comprises a uniform resource locator (“URL”) associated with the second information service provider.

58. (new) The method of claim 51, further comprising:

transmitting to the one or more parties, by the second information service provider, access data enabling the one or more parties to access the selected search results.

59. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein the access data comprises one or more items chosen from the group consisting of: a username, a personal identification number (“PIN”), a password, a toll-free telephone number, and a URL.

60. (new) A method to enable a user of a service provider to share information with one or more parties, the method comprising:

transmitting to a first information service provider a request to search a website-based information source;

receiving from the first information service provider search results responsive to the request;

selecting an option to store selected search results in an information repository maintained by a second information service provider different from the first information service provider;

providing to the first information service provider first data identifying the user and second data associated with the second information service provider; and

providing to the second information service provider data identifying the user and data identifying one or more parties authorized to receive the selected search results.

61. (new) The method of claim 60, wherein the first information service provider comprises a server associated with a website.

62. (new) The method of claim 60, wherein the information source comprises one or more of the following: telephone directory information, map information, event information, transportation information, library catalog information, real estate listing information, product catalog information, business-to-business swap information, or shopping information.

63. (new) The method of claim 60, wherein the second information service provider comprises an information assistance service.

64. (new) The method of claim 60, wherein the second data associated with the second information service provider comprises a uniform resource locator (“URL”) associated with the second information service provider.

65. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the information source comprises one or more of the following: telephone directory information, map information, event information, transportation information, library catalog information, real estate listing information, product catalog information, business-to-business swap information, or shopping information.

66. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the information service provider comprises a server associated with a website.

67. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the information repository service comprises an information assistance service.